

Forecast as Made by Democratic Members of Congress---Canvass of the States and Views of Distinguished Leaders.

Alabama.....	10	Missouri.....	12
Arkansas.....	4	Nebraska.....	12
California.....	8	North Carolina.....	10
Georgia.....	18	Ohio.....	8
Idaho.....	2	Oklahoma.....	12
Indiana.....	20	Texas.....	12
Iowa.....	20	Virginia.....	16
Kansas.....	10	West Virginia.....	2
Louisiana.....	10		
Michigan.....	22		
Mississippi.....	4	Total.....	274

When Polk was nominated, Van Buren had a majority on the first ballot, but could not secure the necessary two-thirds. Polk, who had not been talked of, was pushed forward and secured the nomination on the tenth ballot.

The West.

There is some difficulty in getting reliable information from sections of the west because of the absence of democrats in Congress.

Representative Maguire of California is

"What is your estimate of the sound money vote at Chicago?" asked The Star reporter.

"We will not have less than 550 votes, and it is likely that the 'sound money' vote will be some sixty or more than that. It will be that way if there is any contest."

"What about the presidential choice?"

"We will not make up our minds as to what to do about a presidential nomination until after the republican national convention meets. The chances are that the state conventions of the big states, like

how this will take place when the state convention will elect all the delegates. Representatives Pendleton, Culberson and Bailey, and all the other members of the Texas delegation seen by a Star reporter. Said that there would be a solid delegation in the national convention from the lone star state.

Primaries will be held throughout the state on June 6 for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention, which has not yet been called.

By the way, Bailey said: The star man: "I do not deny nor would I attempt to conceal

mitted that the full silver strength was not polled in the convention last year. There were 100 votes against the silver resolutions because they showed no place before the convention at that time. Silver men say there isn't a doubt that they will win, and so it goes. Unprejudiced sources, however, would more than likely give the delegation to the silver men. When asked where the convention connection would do, Representative McCreary said: "I believe that the state democratic convention will declare in favor of 'sound money.' At the state convention last sum-

not only assent to the proposition of free
 the delegates will unanimously endorse it.
 principle, but firm in maintaining it. They
 not be committed to any candidate, but they
 want a man who will stand on the platform
 and not on his own opinion. The silver sen-
 timent is intensifying in the state, and
 the qualification for the platform
 or in the candidate will be tolerated.
 Senator Money is further of the opinion
 that the silver men will be in the majority
 at the national convention. It is not known

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assert that they have too long been used
ballot-box stuffing themselves to allow
the Tillmanites to work that kind of a

me on them, and should it be attempted, there would be bloodshed. The rather startling statement is made in the Greenville News that "as it looks now the state will support a federal platform. There will be no such unity among the white people as is needed to make counting in and counting out safe and easy. Under the new election laws a white could count 25,000 or more negro votes, and we believe 25,000 negroes will vote the republican ticket as against a free silver or populist nomination."

prediction, and say they will carry the race for free silver certain, and they are right, say those who know. Practically all the delegates to the convention are Tillman, and they would not allow their agents to vote. This would reduce the vote to the estimate below the estimate made by the News.

Senator Tillman himself will lead the fight out of the South. "Charming" Evans, who will possibly succeed Senator Bay, will be another of the delegates. Evans will be another one, if he consents to go.

Should the national convention be at St. Louis, Senator Tillman's name may, as a compromise, be put forward by the South Carolina delegation as a candidate for election. While the Senator does not talk

estiate to say to a Star reporter: "If theilver democrats will put out a genuine issue, I will support them. I will support this country, and will elect a President and Vice President without a doubt."

That was a Carolina Representative who has announced that he will not vote for a gold standard democrat. Senator recently stated that he would abide by the rule of the majority. He was said to be numbered as a Senator if he was to depend on "reform" votes for reelection. He was numbered as a Senator if he was to depend on "reform" votes for reelection. He was numbered as a Senator if he was to depend on "reform" votes for reelection.

To a Star reporter Representative Wilson said:

"The Chicago convention repudiates the

fixed and determined foundation principles of the democratic party, hitherto unchanged, and he will not desert his position, by refusing to declare in its platform, for both gold and silver as standard money, and for a fixed exchange at the mint of a fixed ratio, and of a fixed weight of properties, than that convention will betray the party and the voters who compose it, and who will not follow any other democrats to pursue, and that is to renege the convention. However, there is no party, and no man, who will not be the friends of silver will control the convention by over fifty majority, and will maintain the principles of the democratic party. If there is any belting, it will be by the goldites. But, under the new system, the silver delegates, though not the majority, will not be outvoted.

minate. They can, however, pass a resolution requiring its proposed standard-bearers to pledge themselves to faithfully observe the law, to abstain from evasion and upon the platform "That would protect the party and hold it to its moorings, the nominees will, consequently, be friends of silver or there will be none. Subsequent proceedings will then be very different from the situation of the parties. And I believe that the party will emerge from the tangle purified and stronger than it is today."

Georgia.

Georgia's state convention meets on the 16th of June. The silver men are divided

The four delegates-at-large are likely to be Senator Bacon, ex-Speaker Crisp, Editor Howell of the Constitution and ex-senator at Walsh. Representative Livingston said to The Star man: "Georgia is for a straight silver man. We don't want a straddle and don't have it. We had rather vote for a pound money man than a straddler. It is wrong to impose upon the masses. The platform and the man must be for silver or for gold." McKnight's reference to the

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